

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit: Whereas heretofore  
to wit: on the 19th day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and eighteen a certain Richard Chambers of the County  
and state aforesaid by deed of Manumission duly executed  
acknowledged and recorded among the land records of  
Caroline County aforesaid did manumit and set free a certain  
negro woman named Ann provided the said Ann should  
serve fourteen years from the date of said manumission  
and if during the period of said servitude of the said Ann  
she should have any issue of her body if female to serve  
until 20 years of age and if male to serve until 21 years  
of age and whereas application made to me by a negro  
man calling himself John H. Robinson for a certif-  
icate of his freedom agreeably to law and whereas on the  
oath of Thomas Bills has been sworn that said John H.  
Robinson is a child of the aforesaid Ann and now  
free. I do therefore grant this certificate he is now about  
thirty one year of age five feet five inches high or there-  
about of a dark complexion was born and  
raised in Caroline County and has no scars or marks  
that I have observed.

True

In Testimony whereof I have sub-  
scribed my name and affixed the seal  
of the Court of Court for Caroline County  
this 6th day of January A D 1858  
Robert J. James